

St. Mary Parish, Menasha
Parish Corporate Annual Meeting
October 18, 2010, 6:30 PM

Members Present: Bill Aykens, Mike Edwards, Mary Fulton, Bob Gloede, Rollie Hebel, Josh Jackels, John Kiefer, Sally Michalkiewicz, Fr. Paul Radetski, Jean Sell, Debbie Spielbauer, Louise Springer, Tanya Schreiber, Carol Van Marter

Excused: Russ Brumm

Opening Prayer led by Mike Edwards

Finance Report: Mary Fulton highlighted certain statistics for fiscal year 2010 in the attached written report. Additionally she reported that David Voss has tendered his resignation as a trustee, and that the Trustees' recommendation for his term to be completed by Finance Committee member Richard De Kleyn has been accepted by Fr. Paul. Richard was introduced to the group. Mary requested that the recording secretary draft a letter of thanks and recognition of his many years of service (since 1985), for Fr. Paul's approval, to Dave Voss on behalf of the Council.

Mary also noted that as a cost savings initiative and in light of other personnel changes, Sr. Mary Arnoldussen's position as Pastoral Associate has been eliminated.

Audience Concerns: Member request for lighting on the Ten Commandments was tabled for the next regular council meeting. Question about expanding hours for selling SCRIP will be addressed by the business office.

Fr. Paul's Report: Fr. Paul hopes that fiscal year 2011 will not bring as many difficult decisions as 2010 with the continued merging of the parishes, but mentioned that Fr. Richard Allen's anticipated retirement will likely force additional changes. Parishioner John Christman will be ordained as a deacon on his way to the priesthood this November, and parishioner Aaron Krueger is only two years from ordination.

With the approaching departure of Fr. Larry from the St. Mary's rectory and Sr. Mary from St. John's, three rectory options continue to be considered, including remodeling or demolishing/rebuilding the St. Mary's rectory which is in the worst shape of the three Menasha parishes, or the priests moving to one of the other rectories. Diocesan guidance continues to be sought.

Mike Sullivan, president of TCCES, will address the November tri-parish council meeting.

Worship: Rollie Hebel highlighted items from the attached Liturgy Committee report, including those items that overlap with the Environment Committee actions.

Youth Ministry: Tanya Schreiber highlighted key items from her typed report (attached).

Faith Formation: Debbie Spielbauer highlighted several items from her typed report (attached).

Discussion followed on how to involve more young members of the parishes in both faith formation and youth ministry activities. In addition to current efforts, possible actions such as Tanya's speaking at additional Masses, a better "child's room" for St. Mary's, dropping one of

the Saturday evening Masses in favor of 6:30 Sunday will be considered by the appropriate persons/teams.

Grounds & Building Operations Systems: Josh Jackels reported that key efforts in the past fiscal year included a walkthrough of the campus with maintenance man, Paul Sorenson, and creation of spreadsheets to track required maintenance activities. Plan is for another detailed walkthrough with business manager, John Kiefer, to further prioritize maintenance needs and wants. A fall clean-up day will organize parish volunteers to assist staff.

Social Concerns: No report

Family Life/Catholics In Action: Bob Gloede reported that Catholics In Action (CIA) activities for the next year will include cookie baking with children during Advent, a bowling event in February and a fish fry in March. They will not be involved in the Mass in the Park, having turned this over to the Worship team.

Family Doughnut Sunday will resume in November (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month). Brief discussion on coordinating with the Worship team on themed celebrations (e.g. significant birthdays, anniversaries, etc.).

The St. Vincent de Paul pantry is currently open twice monthly, and serves a large audience. Needy families are also directed to other community resources such as St. Joseph food pantry, and are invited to Mass. A recommendation was made for Bob to speak at a Mass to remind parishioners of activities and need for donations.

Marketing & Communications: Carol Van Marter provided a recap of the year's publicized activities: November 2009 Christmas Bazaar, February Winter Escape, February CIA Parish Mini-Mission, March CIA-sponsored Annual Fish Fry, April Spring Brunch, April Middle School Dance (sponsored by Menasha Catholic Youth), June Tri-parish Mass in the Park and Brunch, October Rummage Sale.

Environment Committee: In addition to items noted in the attached Liturgy Committee report, the Environment Committee recommends restoration of the large paintings of Mary and Joseph as well as the stations of the cross. Funds are currently available for the Mary picture, and will be sought for the other restorations. Approval/planning will be addressed at the November parish council meeting.

Other: Mary Fulton requested the council members provide visible support at the November bazaar and provided printed flyers and additional raffle tickets.

John Kiefer suggested occasionally including a report on accomplishments in the bulletin vs, only upcoming events. The new combined parish quarterly newsletter is not yet ready for launch, and this might temporarily fill that gap.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40

Next Meeting: November 15, 6:00 p.m., St. John's

Respectfully Submitted by: Louise Springer